

CFR 0363

Mrs. Claudio Bustamante

U.S. Census Definition of a Farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1970⁹
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: July ~~1~~²⁷, 1970¹³

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MRS CLAUDIO BUSTAMANTE

Your address: Route STAR RT P.O. Box 10 Town ST. PAUL

Location of farm: 1/2 Mi South ST. PAUL MARION
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 110 Acres in original farm: 1260

Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? Yes

Name of founder of farm (please print): AUGUSTIN (Remon) or Raymond

Year founder settled on farm? 1840 Where did he come from? French Canada

How many families have farmed this land? 4 generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

Who farms land today? You? Yes A renter? A manager? Other?

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation?

What relation are you to the original owner? GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list LIVESTOCK

Poultry - Grain - Hay

What do you raise on farm today? Vegetables - Berries - Wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 2; Dolores Bustamante

Children - CLAUDIO - CARMEN - CARLO - SYLVIA - CHRISTY

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 12

PLEASE list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? Yes

Dolores Bustamante
Signature of Owner

Mail to: State Dept. of Agriculture
635 Capitol St., N.E., Salem, Oregon
97310

Joint Owners Claudio Bustamante
x Dolores Bustamante

Submitted by: MR. & MRS Claudio Bustamante

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Augustin Remon came to Oregon in early 1830 with Doctor John McLaughlin. He was a Fur Trapper & French Canadian. He married Josephite an Indian in St. Paul on Nov 26, 1843. He either had a land donation of 1248 acres prior to his marriage or immediately after. The original homestead was located in the middle of what is now the Edward Davidson property. He died on Oct, 12, 1873. at the age of 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. His wife remarried. She has the records in the Indian Affairs office in Portland. After Augustin's death, the heirs began selling sections of the land.

I have indeed sold in Nov 6, 1884 - to the Manegres

I have his tombstone from the old pioneer cemetery at St. Paul here at my home.

He also voted against Oregon joining the United States

note: Signature
states it is joint
ownership. Of
Claudio Delores
Bustamante

State Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Claudia & Dolores
Owner's name and address
Box 10
BUSTAMANTE STARBT ST. PAUL is applying for Century Farm honors,
has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.

Pat McCarthy
*County Commissioner Recorder

Date: July 26, 1973

*Please strike office not applicable



Photo by Dick Clark

Delores Bustamante and her husband, Claudio, will be among owners of Century Farms who will be honored at a banquet next week. The Bustamantes live on a St. Paul farm, which was founded more than 140 years ago by Delores' great-grandfather, Augustin Raymond. His gravestone is located on the path leading to their front door.

County lauds Century Farms

SALEM — Not much of the original farm equipment remains on the farm owned by Claudio and Delores Bustamante.

But the soil on 110 acres has been producing for the same family more than 140 years, making it the oldest family-owned farm in Oregon. It is located at 3988 Davidson Road south of St. Paul.

The Bustamantes will be recognized Oct. 11 at the Marion County Historical Society annual banquet in Salem's Mission Mill Village Dye House.

Five newly designated Century Farm recipients will also be honored at the event.

The Bustamantes also plan to contribute to the "Harvest of Century Farms" exhibit of products grown on the farms. The exhibit will officially open Oct. 12 at the Marion Museum of History.

The Bustamante's farm was first owned by Augustin and Marie Servant Remond, whose last name later was changed to Raymond. Although the exact date of purchase is not known, Delores Bustamante said her great-grandfather bought 1,260 acres between 1836 and 1840.

He was one of the first people in the area to grow hops, she said, noting he also grew grain and raised cattle and chickens.

Among the crops now grown on the farm are wheat,

corn, cauliflower, strawberries, apples, zucchini and watermelons.

One of the biggest changes over the years is the addition of irrigation, said Delores Bustamante, who bought the farm 25 years ago with her husband.

But a reminder of its history sits near their driveway, where Augustin Raymond's tombstone is located. He died in 1873.

The Bustamantes plan to attend the Historical Society's banquet, where five Silverton farm owners will be added to the Century Farms list.

They are Dennis Hadly, Silver Falls Drive N.E.; Mr. and Mrs. David A. Doerfler, 13883 Doerfler Road S.E.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Simmons, 4998 Blue Grass Lanes N.E.; and two farms owned by Robert L. Riches, 13166 Riches Road N.E.

Tickets for the annual meeting and program are \$8 at the door or \$7.50 if purchased by Monday, Oct. 7.

The program starting at 8 p.m. will feature a "Salute to Marion County Agriculture" slide presentation by Albert Jones and Robert Marsh.

Anyone who holds or has held Century Farm status may call the Marion Museum of History at 364-2128 to obtain more information about the museum's exhibit. The museum is located at 260 12th St. S.E. on the Mission Mill Village grounds.

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Of 538 Century Farms

Oldest Farm Is 133 Years

By CLAUDE STEUSLOFF

Capital Press Farm Editor

SALEM, Ore.—Mrs. Claudio Bustamante's farm, now in its 133d year of continuous family ownership, may be the oldest to receive the Century Farm certificate since the project for recognition was started by the State Department of Agriculture in 1958.

The Bustamante farm near St. Paul, in Marion County, is among 37 Century Farms to be honored in a special program at the Oregon State Fair this year in connection with the 100th anniversary of the Oregon Historical Society.

In 1840, Augustin Remon (or Raymond), a French Canadian who had come to the Oregon country in the 1830s as a fur trader with John McLoughlin, was given a 1,240-acre land claim on which he produced livestock, poultry, grain and hay. Mrs. Deloris is the fourth generation owner of the farm, now a 110-acre place devoted to vegetables, berries and wheat.

Including this year's entries, a total of 538 Oregon farms have been certified as Century Farms. In 1958, there were 354 Century Farms entered from 15 counties. The first farm to qualify was owned by Ross Marquam and William E. Baker in Clackamas County and the oldest was a Marion County farm started in 1842. The following year, 44 more farms from 11 counties, all in Western Oregon, were added; 1960 entries totalled 18 from eight counties; 1965, added 42 more; and in 1970 another group of 43 qualified.

Other Century Farms

Qualified Century Farms for 1973, in addition to the Bustamante farm, with owners, county of location, year settled and first owner, original acreage and present acreage:

Carl and Lena Anderson, Coos County, settled in 1873 by L. L. Harmon, formerly of North Carolina, originally 40 acres, now 15 acres.

Mrs. M. Alice Burdett, Yamhill, 1864 by Jonathan Stout of Ohio, 320 acres, now 80 acres.

Everett E. and Rosa B. Carey, Linn, 1866 by James M. Kennedy, 160, 137.

Mrs. Margaret H. Dyer, Douglas, 1852 by Moses T. Dyer of Vermont, 360, 316. First sawmill in Douglas County was on the farm.

Joseph W. Donaldson, Tillamook, 1864 by Joseph G. Donaldson of Georgia, 200, 162.

Rupert B. Edwards, Lane, 1871 by Isaac N. Edwards of Ohio, 320, 160.

Mrs. Esther Jane Everson, Lane, 1857 by L. Richard Robinson of Canada, 822, 268.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farmer, Polk, 1868 by John Fawk of England, 149, 116.

A. L. Ferns, Jackson, 1868 by Ebenezer W. Carver of Iowa, 507, 1,685.

Lucille Cogswell Foster and

Lee W. Foster, Linn, 1871 by John Cogswell, 650, 314.

Aldon H. Gray, Union, 1872 by George Grant Gray of Tennessee, 1,000, 570.

William Frank Groves, Benton, 1850 by Frederick A. Horning of Missouri, 320, 70 acres, site of the first carding mill in Benton County.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Vernon Hayhurst, Baker, 1871, by Peter Poulson of Denmark, 162 acres of state school lands costing \$222.25, now 255 acres.

Leslie E. Hermann, Coos, 1873 by Washington P. Hermann of Maryland, 158, 42.

Billy Hindman, Union, 1872 by W. B. Hindman of Iowa, 160, 8,000. Was homesteaded where Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce camped and dug camas.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Howard, Clackamas, 1872 by N. R. Mulvaney of Missouri, 220, 72.

Vera L. Hoiland, Lane, 1872 by George Loehner of California, 160, 382.

Lawrence J. Horton and Anne S. Horton, Klamath, 1868 by William Harrison Horton of New York, who brought the first Hereford bull to Klamath County, 160, 537.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphreys, Marion, 1870 by Jane King of Missouri, 113, 250.

Mrs. Velda C. Kropf, Linn, 1871 by Edwin Tandy.

John E. and Howard B. Lee, Umatilla, 1871 by Hiram B. Lee of Illinois, 160, 354.

Mrs. Lee McLagan, Linn, 1843 by John T. Slate of Virginia, 640, 50.

Patrick McCormick, Marion, 1869 by Matthew McCormick of Ireland, 154, 48. One pear tree survives of the original orchard.

Hollis Mast, Coos, 1873 by William P. Mast of North Carolina, 160, 1,200.

Lloyd K. Mast, Coos, 1873 by William P. Mast of North Carolina, 160, 560.

W. M. Mitchell, Linn, 1847 by John Settle of Tennessee, 640, 52.

Mary Emma Miller, Polk, 1868 by Benjamin F. Windsor of England, 1,800 acres including Windsor Island, now 250 acres. Original granary still standing.

Ivan Morris and Mildred Morris, Clackamas, 1864 by David Morris of Missouri, 370, 75.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Myers, Umatilla, 1871 by Henry Clay Thomson of Missouri, 320 acres,

bought for \$400 from state school lands board, now 780 acres.

John W. and Olive Mulloy, Washington, 1872 by Alfred D. Mulloy of Iowa, 160, 90.

Orville L. Ohling, Linn, 1871 by Paul Ohling from Illinois, 160, 601.

Mrs. Arthur Shumway, Umatilla, 1870 by James S. Shumway of Pennsylvania, 150, 410.

Robert and Norman Stauffer, Marion, 1872 by John Stauffer of Pennsylvania, 320, 150.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevens and Helen McClure, Wasco, 1866 by Thomas J. McClure of Missouri, 160, 92.

Robert G. and Elizabeth Williamson, Marion, 1859 by Peter Gauthier, 640, 208.

Mrs. Zelda Van Dyke, Marion, 1951 by George W. and Jane Shaw of Missouri, 640, 19.

Chief Crops

Livestock, hay and grain were the chief crops of most of the farms 100 years ago and a surprising proportion of them still get most of their income from those sources. Row crop vegetables and orchards have been the principal substitutes.

Though we have had a dramatic increase in population and the farms have gone through three to five generations of ownerships, the average size has increased from 397 acres a century ago to 501 acres today.

The total 538 farms honored are but a small portion of Oregon's 42,000 farms at present, but that is not a fair comparison because of the strict contest rules and other variables.

The oldest U.S. farm in continuous ownership is said to be the Tuttle Farm of 200 acres near Dover Point, N.H. It has been home for 11 generations of the family since 1630 and is still a highly productive operation.

Soil Scientists Study

The late Art King, when soil scientist at Oregon State University, studied soils of the 1958 Century Farms in Linn County and found they had suffered little reduction in soil acidity reaction, phosphorus, potassium or organic matter when they had grown grass seed or hay more or less continuously. They needed lime. A dozen farms growing other crops showed depletion, particularly in phosphorus. Eleven of 12 farms in one group had higher yields than at the

start due to drainage, better equipment for farming and weed control.

The first farm in Oregon was settled in the spring of 1829 by Etienne Lucier, a French Canadian trapper and trader who had come to Oregon with the Astor Fur Company in 1812. When he decided to retire, John McLoughlin of Hudson's Bay Co. gave him permission to settle in the Will-

amette Valley. He had his choice of locations and chose a site along the Willamette, the west end about where the present Newberg bridge stands, the east end to a low ridge paralleling the river, where he built his house.

Within three years, Lucier had enclosed 88 acres, had a peach orchard, 35 horses, four farm buildings and a grist mill.

By HELEN L. MERSHON
Journal Staff Writer

Dolores Raymond Bustamante wants the world to know that there still are Frenchmen living on Oregon's historic French Prairie.

The great-granddaughter of Augustin Raymond (Remon), a French-Canadian fur trapper who came to Oregon with Dr. John McLoughlin in the 1830s, the St. Paul farm woman is delighted that Augustin's farm will be the oldest one receiving a Century Farm award at the

Oregon State Fair from the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Augustin Raymond (it started out as Remon, but ended up as Raymond on his tombstone in 1873), settled 1,240 acres in 1840. He was one of the many French-Canadians who started farming in the area, giving it its popular name.

Today Dolores and her husband, Claudio Bustamante, a Mexican-American from Texas, farm the remaining 110 acres of the Raymond land claim, which



OLDEST OREGON FARM to be honored by Century Farms program of the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Department of Agriculture Friday at the Oregon State Fair is that of Claudio and Dolores Bustamante, St.

the family still owns.

They are among 37 such Oregon families who still operate farms their ancestors settled a century or more ago who will be honored at the 11:30 a.m. Friday program in Salem.

Dolores and Claudio and their five children run a scientific, highly mechanized operation on the historic land, plus several hundred other leased acres, producing row crops of berries, beans, cucumbers — you name it — for commercial canneries and packers.

derstand that, but he would appreciate the way the family lives and works together. They live in the house where Dolores was born 42 years ago. Her father, the late Henry Raymond, helped build the farmhouse 75 years ago. There were 12 children

Paul. The farm has been in Mrs. Bustamante's family since 1840. Four of their five children, showing off farm produce, are from left, Christina, Carmen, Sylvia and Peano. (Journal photo by Dana Olsen)

in Henry's generation. Their father, Augustin II, called August, decided that his family had outgrown the original two-room cabin.

The Bustamantes have modernized the house somewhat, retaining old furnishings acquired by the Ray-

mond family. But they have little time to spend around the big friendly old table in the sprawling kitchen.

Four years ago the family opened a fruit and vegetable stand and named it after the second son, Peano, now 14. Peano was so busy this year

selling vegetables from the farm that he didn't even take time to enter any in 4-H Club competition.

The eldest son, Claudio, 17, called Butch, took time off from running the berry picking machine to take a load of pigs to Salem for FFA competition.

Being a girl doesn't help you get out of work when there are tomatoes, eggplants, broccoli and corn to be toted to the stand. Just ask Carmen, 16, and little sisters, Christy, 9, and Sylvia, 11.

The Bustamantes have been so busy since buying the farm in 1960 that they really haven't had time to worry about applying for one of the coveted Century Farm plaques.

They have retained strong

ties with the historic St. Paul Catholic Church, where the first Augustin and his French-Indian bride were married in 1842, before the building was completed. Augustin gave \$300 to help build the church. Later he bought the first organ for the church and his 11-year-old daughter was the first to play it publicly.

Dolores Bustamante never expected to have so much attention paid to her family, especially at harvest time.

But since the Century Farm honor has brought them some fame, she'd like to put in a historic plug for "all the Frenchmen, who didn't vote for statehood."

"They did a lot for Oregon and they didn't get their names put down any place," said Dolores.

Historic French Prairie Farm Our
'Century' tag

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